



# St. Mark's Knights of Columbus The Compass



ncil Business Meetings resume @ 7:30pm in Room 202 - Thursd

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My Brother Knights,

Here we are 2 months into an exciting new fraternal year. Your officers have been elected and we have already had 2 officers' meetings, 2 special business meetings, a state quarterly meeting, Old Home Day activities, installation of officers, a parish picnic, a district seminar and numerous concert committee meetings. Despite the fact that we have not had a formal general business meeting, a dedicated group of council members has been very busy keeping this council alive during the summer and deserve praise. My thanks to you all but I must mention 3 knights by name, Past Grand Knights Paul Bartlett, Ron Turcotte, and our Lecturer and Concert Chairman Don Sommese. Their key contributions are what made the Old Home Day activities a success and will ensure a successful concert in October. They work tirelessly, so when you next see them, please acknowledge their work somehow.

My goals this fraternal year are to publicize the good we do, increase our visibility within the community, and attempt to attract service minded individuals and their families to us.

To that end I am establishing a formal admissions committee chaired by our Worthy Chancellor, Pat O'Brien, who will work to ensure candidates meet the requirements of membership and understand that the Knights of Columbus and our faith require service. The search also goes on for someone that wishes to make a contribution to the growth and future of our council as well, by serving as membership director. Youth and Family Director positions are also unfilled. Brother Jim Blake, who despite being away for much of the year and handling the concert PR work, has agreed to team up with a yet to be named individual to help with our general council PR work. If any members at large are interested in anything I've mentioned above, please contact me asap as this fraternal year will be over before we know it.

Our concert featuring Brian Templeton, his band, and other performers, is set for October 10. Please contact brother Don Sommese at 432-6851 if you would like to get involved with this very exciting event or to buy tickets. The buzz is building. By the way, if you want to avoid the service charge from the online ticket purchase come to the September general meeting and buy them there.

I am very pleased that brothers Ron Turcotte and Allan Fernald are planning another family game day for sometime this fall. Lessons learned from the last game day will help make this one even more successful. We need more activities like this to reinforce the family and bolster family values.

I would like to see the substance abuse poster contest take off. I would also like the soccer challenge and free throw competition to be bigger than in the past as well. These are great family and youth activities that are easily run and have preprinted materials available from the Supreme Council so there is no guesswork. We will need assistance to make these activities happen when the time comes. Think about it.

It is not surprising that this year has been designated the "Year of the Volunteer" by our supreme council. It's very appropriate as we need volunteers more than ever to serve in these hard economic times. I think we all need to be thankful for what we have been given and consider the needs of the less fortunate. I don't want to sound like a broken record but the purpose of the Knights of Columbus is to serve,

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## Insurance Corner



The Field Agent supporting our council's insurance needs is David Gates, and he'd love to meet you. His contact information is below:

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*A young woman went to her doctor complaining of pain.*

*"Where are you hurting?" asked the doctor. "You have to help me, I hurt all over", said the woman.*

*"What do you mean, all over?" asked the doctor, "be a little more specific."*

*The woman touched her right knee with her index finger and yelled, "Ow, that hurts." Then she touched her left cheek and again yelled, "Ouch! That hurts, too." Then she touched her right earlobe, "Ow, even THAT hurts", she cried. The doctor checked her thoughtfully for a moment and told her his diagnosis, "You have a broken finger."*

**September is Life Insurance Awareness Month.** To help educate consumers about the need for and value of adequate life insurance protection, the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA) has published the following five facts. These statistics are certainly worth considering.

Fact 1: Nearly three-fourths of North Americans agree that life insurance is the best way to protect against premature death of the primary wage earner.

Fact 2: Twenty-four million households have no life insurance protection at all. Almost one third of adults have no life insurance protection.

Fact 3: Forty-four percent of all households either don't own life insurance and believe they should, or own life insurance and believe they need more. Among those that already own some life insurance, 40 percent believe they don't have enough.

Fact 4: One-fourth of primary wage earners feel they do not have a plan in place to provide a decent standard of living for their family if they died tomorrow. Twelve percent of families would immediately have trouble meeting everyday living expenses and another 15 percent would have difficulty keeping up after several months.

Fact 5: People would like to discuss life insurance with a qualified professional agent. They believe that buying life insurance is an important and complex financial decision. Half find it difficult to decide how much to buy, and 43 percent worry about making the wrong decision.

I'd like to meet with you in your home, at your convenience. I'll work with you to make sure your family is protected. As a brother Knight you can trust, I'll take the stress and worry out of the buying decision..

### GK Letter, Con't

and many members in our council give of themselves constantly . We are truly blessed to have them among us. So, as we work to fill this year's directorship positions, please consider making a commitment to be of service to others through one of YOUR council's service programs.

I would also like to invite some of the "old guard" members that laid the foundations of this council to visit us, share their experiences and help some of the new members and future new members learn how to serve effectively Personally I am looking forward to a fraternal year of enjoyment and satisfying work with you all. Our first general meeting is September 24 at 7:30PM in room 209 of the

parish center. I hope to see all of you there!

Vivat Jesus!

Jean J. Desrosiers, Grand Knight

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**Happy Birthday to our following brothers:**



Jonathan Hill	11th
Kevin McGrath	13th
Terry McMahan	16th
William Brown	18th
Kevin Waterhouse, PGK	20th
Deacon Lee Abbott	21st
Fr. Tom Bresnahan	29th

*Billy wanted \$100 badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write God a letter requesting the \$100. When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to God, USA, they decided to send it to President Bush. The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send Billy a \$5.00 bill. President Bush thought this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy. Billy was delighted with the \$5.00 and sat down to write a thank you note to God, which read:*

*Dear God,*

## October

Henk Oolders	13th
Brendan Turcotte	19th
Andrew Greco	22nd
Kenneth Rahilly	25th
Edward Combes	28th
Thomas Lavallee, Fin Sec	31st

*Thank you very much for sending the money, however, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington D.C. and, as usual, those crooks deducted \$95.00. Thanks, Billy*

**The 2009 Rosemarie R. Cox**



**Winner is Brittany Capistran**



**Pro-Life Section**

**Monica Rahilly is co-ordinating the local effort for a Pro-Life Vigil, which is sanctioned by the Diocese. Click on banner, below, for details !**

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**Statement of Peace:**



**Fight FOCA!**

**Concert: A Night With the Spirit (Oct 10)**



St.. Mark's Knights of Columbus Council 10488 will be sponsoring a benefit concert titled "A Night With the Spirit". The event will feature the soulful, Christian rock sound of a band called *Stragglers Plea* with Brian Templeton and friends. The concert will be held on Saturday, October 10th at the Stockbridge Theatre (at Pinkerton Academy) in Derry, NH. Doors will open at 7:00 PM with a silent auction presented by the Ted Williams Museum, and the concert will begin at 8:00 PM. Details and tickets are available at [KofCConcert.com](http://KofCConcert.com)

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\$250 to the State Kidney Fund  
 \$200 to The Good Scout Award  
 Support of seminarian \$500.00  
 \$500.00 to the Soup Kitchen.  
 \$500 to Hear in New Hampshire  
 Support of Seabeck's work in Haiti for \$500.  
 Support the Ingalls family for \$1,500.  
 Support NH Catholic Charities for \$500.  
 Tootsie Roll Drive proceeds to L.E.A.P. program  
 \$500 to Fr. Thom for trip expenses related to his deaf ministry.

### Good of the Order

This past month prayers were requested for Jan McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, Denise Turcotte, Ernie Picken, Maureen Desrosiers, Ronald Lavallee, Larry LeBlanc, Bill Clark, John Cadieux, Clarence Keenam, Bill Hamilton's Brother, Bishop McCormack, Gerry Cox, Jeanette Jandreau



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